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SOURCE Tenkid.CHARGES OF COMMUNISM LEVIED AGAINST TURKISH PROFESSORS

The following information is taken from the ninth and tenth issues, dated respectively 25 October and 24 November 1952 of the Istanbul monthly newspaper Tenkid (Criticism), not previously exploited by FDD. The contents of both issues -- the first totalling four pages, the second eight pages -- are almost entirely devoted to what can only be termed scurrilous attacks on various professors of the Istanbul University Faculty of Literature, in an attempt to prove that the faculty is a nest of immorality and Communist activity.

The masthead of Tenkid carries the phrase, "Our Aim Is to Save the Faculty of Literature From Ruin."

The owner of Tenkid, Raul Tanir, together with two other students, Hadi Kocdemir and Haluk Eser, was given a one-year's expulsion from the faculty on 31 March 1952. Tanir, in various articles in the two issues, claims that the expulsion was entirely unjust and was the result of protests made by the three against the immoral activities of Prof Ahmet Caferoglu and of the efforts of other professors to cover up for Caferoglu.

The following is a brief review of the charges against various professors:

According to Tenkid, Professor Caferoglu was one of 120 students sent to Germany around 1920 by the National Azerbaijan government, after the Bolsheviks took over the government, funds were sent through the Soviet Legation. The paper also claimed that Caferoglu has been receiving monthly remittances from the Soviet Consulate in Istanbul, and charged that on the occasion of the celebration of the Soviet October Revolution, Caferoglu visited the consulate and kissed the first secretary, Potemkin. The paper also charged that in various articles Caferoglu has supported Soviet claims to certain Turkish areas in eastern Anatolia. Tenkid was especially vitriolic toward Caferoglu in connection with his alleged improper relations with female students.

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Prof Sadreddin Celal of Istanbul University's Pedagogy Institute, in 1920, according to Tenkid, attended an international Communist congress in Moscow, at which he called himself Turkey's representative. From 1921 to 1924, continued the paper, he published an extreme pro-Communist newspaper called Aydinlik. The paper also claimed that as a result of his teachings, several military medical students were influenced and were subsequently expelled, including Hasan Ali Ediz, who translated Communist works from Russian, and Hikmet Kivilcim, who is confined to a town in Anatolia.

Ismail Hikmet Ertaylan, a professor of Turcology at the Faculty of Literature, is, according to Tenkid, the author of a four-volume History of Turkish Literature, written in Baku, which, the paper charged, is full of Communist propaganda.

Prof Macit Gokberk, the paper charged, has expounded Communist propaganda in his classes. The paper stated that he had indulged in immoral activities and had covered up similar activities by Caferoglu. Gokberk, together with Mazhar Sevkiet Ipsiroglu, was charged with being primarily responsible for the expulsion of Tanir and his two friends. The paper also claimed that Ipsiroglu, while dean of the faculty, showed extreme tolerance of Communist activity.

Prof Dr Kazim Ismail Gurkan, present rector of Istanbul University, was termed a puppet of Communists by Tenkid. The paper called on him to act like a man of honor and to take the necessary steps to stamp out immorality and Communist activity in the Faculty of Literature. Similar negligence was charged by the paper to Ali Tefrik Tanoglu, former dean of the Faculty of Literature. He was specifically charged by Tenkid with closing his eyes to the distribution of pro-Communist bulletins sent from Paris by the Progressive Young Turks Society. Tenkid also claimed that his tolerance of such activities is the reason for Faculty of Literature students being among the recently arrested members of the Turkish Socialist Party.

The newspaper also mentioned in both issues that members of the faculty were leaders in the pre-Amnesty law efforts to obtain the release of Nazim Hikmet, the Turkish Communist poet, and cited specifically Ertaylan, Ahmet Hamdi Tanpınar, Besim Dargut, Vehbi Eralp, Gokberk, and Ipsiroglu.

The newspaper also carried a long article, purporting to be the inside story of the donmes /Jewish converts to Islam/, and another article labeling Prof Vehbi Eralp as the most insidious of the donmes. There were also two articles by Ismail Hamdi Danismend, one charging Prof Mukrimin Halil Yınanc with deprecating Turkish history in his writings and attributing Armenian origins to the most famous Turkish heroes, while the other was an attack on Caferoglu in connection with a certain historical article which he had written.

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